

(Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Cotton futures opened steady, January 19:30; March 19:35; May 19:00; July 18:75; October 18:30.

# ALBANY-DECATUR DAILY

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS AND UPBUILDING OF ALBANY-DECATUR, ALABAMA

## WEATHER FORECAST

(Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—Alabama: Generally fair and not quite so cold tonight. Temperature on the coast about 22 degrees; Tuesday increasing cloudiness with rising temperatures. Moderate to fresh north and northeast winds.

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# COLD WAVE EXPECTED TO BREAK ON TUESDAY

## Continued Business Prosperity Is Predicted

INDUSTRIAL HEADS  
AND BANKERS AVER  
OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

Forecasts Regard All  
Conditions Good  
At Present

STEEL INDUSTRY  
IN GOOD SHAPE

No Reason Is Seen For  
Decline In Business  
During Next Year

(Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Present business prosperity will continue well into 1926 in the opinion of leading bankers and industrial leaders.

Forecasts for the new year prepared by these executives regard fundamental business conditions as sound, with stress on the Administration's business policies, and are hopeful regarding the European outlook.

"The business of the manufacturers of the iron and steel industry of the United States during the year 1925 on the whole may be considered as far as the volume is concerned," said Chairman E. H. Gary of the United States Steel Corporation. "For a large portion of the year the selling prices were lower than they ought to have been, and many manufacturers operated without much profit."

The wise and conservative statements of the president from time to time have been an important factor of encouragement to the general business fraternity.

The apparent change in attitude of many of the national legislators particularly with reference to economy in administration and more especially taxation, and the decisions of the Supreme Court concerning business, showing a disposition to assist legitimate business progress, have created a feeling of confidence on the part of investors.

At present the demand for iron and steel products is large and growing in strength. Selling prices are improving somewhat and there is reason to expect they soon will yield to most manufacturers considerable profit. The prospects of this industry for the year 1926 now seem to be very good. Unless some unforeseen circumstances arise to prevent, the general business situation in the United States during the coming year should be satisfactory."

"The petroleum industry has been in a very unsatisfactory condition for more than four years," said Henry L. Doherty, one of the largest independent producers in the country. "Prices have frequently been highly demoralized and none of the former recoveries of prices have carried any assurance to any thoughtful man that they were certain to be permanent."

The outlook at present is more asuring than at any previous time in the period. Our principal trouble have come from the over-production of domestic crude. Production of crude has remained practically stationary for three years. Production in 1924 showed a slight reduction as against 1923 and 1925 will show only a slight increase over 1923."

"During this period our markets for higher priced products, principally gasoline, have grown immensely and probably beyond everybody's expectations. Gasoline consumption is now growing much faster than the growth in registered automobiles due principally to the growing percentage of busses and trucks. The adoption of oil for house heating is now literally sweeping the country. No accurate figures are yet available on the consumption of oil for house heating, but this new market possibly has been increasing more rapidly on a percentage basis than our consumption of gasoline for automobiles has done."

"The petroleum industry by nature and by government activities is probably more competitive than any

Taught Gospel of the Shears



MRS OSCAR DE NINA MAYER

WAGE CONFERENCE  
TO BEGIN TUESDAY

Spokesmen For Groups  
Maintain Silence On  
The Outlook

(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Representatives of anthracite operators and miners were quartered in separate hotels here today, preparing programs for a joint meeting tomorrow when another effort will be made to reach a settlement of the controversy which has stopped the output of hard coal since September 1.

While spokesmen for both groups maintain silence as to the basis for the discussion, experienced observers professed optimism as to the outcome.

Chief among these was William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, who predicted the strike would be ended in ten days.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—Governor Pinchot, in a statement today, expressed gratification at the resumption of negotiations between the anthracite operators and miners and declared the negotiations should produce a settlement not only just to the operators and miners, but one which will give the public coal without an increasing price.

Fire Threatens  
Miami's Shipping

(Associated Press)

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 28—Fire of unknown cause, starting in tar on the Belcher asphalt wharf off Miami bay front at noon, threatened adjoining harbor craft loaded with gasoline and building materials. Nearby oil cars also are threatened.

A general fire alarm has brought all available fire fighting apparatus to the water front.

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ROBBERY LOSS IS  
REPORTED TODAY

Exact Date Thieves  
Entered Store Is  
Not Known

Reported loss of merchandise from the establishment formerly operated by A. A. Hardage, Second avenue was made to the police today and officers went to work immediately on the case. It was stated that there were no direct clues established, leading to the arrest of any suspects.

It is believed that the thieves obtained a large quantity of merchandise after making an entrance through the basement in the rear smashing a toilet partition and making their way into the front of the business house. The exact date of the robbery was not given, the store not having been entered since last Thursday. Inventory of the stock was being taken today that an estimate of the loss might be learned.

That connection of the Hardage robbery and the robberies of the Nebrig Furniture company and the Wiley Electric Station was not thought to be unlikely, in view of the fact that the time of the occurrence is not definitely known.

Hartung Heads  
"Y" Bible Class

Henry Hartung will lead the Y. M. C. A. Bible Class during the coming year as the result of the annual elections held Sunday at the meeting of the class, Reverend Noble R. Edwards was again chosen as the teacher for the class.

Other officials include B. D. Wright, vice president; J. R. Johnson, secretary; Carlisle Blackwell, treasurer; C. L. Shook, song leader; C. C. Murphy, assistant song leader. Members of the class were pleased with the results of the past year.

SOUTHERN BELL TO  
INCLUDE THE CITIES  
IN 1926 EXPANSION  
SEVENTY PERSONS  
DIE IN ACCIDENTS  
DURING HOLIDAYS

Cassels Declares His  
Company Will Place  
Share Here  
DEFINITE PLANS  
NOT YET GIVEN

A Substantial Amount  
Will Be Expended  
Locally

Albany-Decatur will get a full share of the \$4,000,000 development planned for this state by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for the year 1926, it was made known today by J. B. Cassels, district manager of the company, in response to questioning regarding the future plans of his company. Mr. Cassels declined to make any concrete statement of the contemplated cost of the expansion or what changes are likely to be made in connection with the south-wide expansion program.

The Southern Bell company is planning to spend approximately \$33,000,000 in the southland, according to advices made public on Sunday, \$4,000,000 of the expansion to be made in the state of Alabama.

The company, Mr. Cassels declared, is not ready to make any definite announcement of the program for these cities, but a substantial amount is likely to be spent in the near future as Albany-Decatur is among the cities included in the big project.

Announcement that the Southern Bell intends expanding local facilities is the first announcement of its kind for the coming year and is received by local people with much interest as well as further establishing a faith in these communities as future cities of the Valley section.

DAY WILL TAKE  
PLACE ON FIRST

Acting Postmaster To  
Assume Duties On  
January 1

L. R. Day, popular Louisville and Nashville employee, recently appointed as acting postmaster of Albany will assume his new duties on January 1, according to present plans.

Mr. Day will succeed L. E. Huie who resigned recently, asking that his resignation be made effective as of December 15. Mr. Huie's term of office would have expired in February and the postal department already has announced examinations for appointment for the full term.

Late in January he will go to San Diego to take command of the marine base there.

Today:

By ARTHUR BRISBANE. (Copyright, 1925, By The Star Co.)

THIS country is big, prosperous and its big men in business, are learning to deal with big money. It seemed gigantic when Uncle Sam undertook the Panama canal, that might cost three hundred million dollars. Such a sum inspired awe. Now, it is the small change of really big business.

ANY NUMBER of concerns would handle a Panama contract. Standard Oil, in California, absorbs Pacific oil, the latter "casually" announces distribution of one hundred millions or so of securities to stock holders. And the whole thing amounts to "only five hun-

Traffic Mishaps Take  
Heavy Toll Of Life  
In South

FLORIDA LEADS  
REST OF DIXIE

Alabama Has But Few  
Of Tragedies Report  
Reveals Today

(Associated Press)  
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28—Death cut a wide swath over Dixie during the Christmas holidays. Three score and ten persons in the South met their doom through traffic accidents, involving automobiles, motorcycles and trolleys. In addition 377 persons were hurt by the same means. These figures are revealed in a survey made today by the Associated Press for the week, which closed last night. The figures are from ten states.

Florida led the South with 13 deaths, while Virginia and Georgia trailed closely behind with twelve each. Tennessee and Mississippi were the lowest with three each. Georgia led in the number of injuries, her figures being 66. North Carolina and Florida reported 61 and 60 injuries respectively. At the foot of this column was Alabama with nine injured.

There were no outstanding accidents during the week, in which heavy toll of life was taken.

Tabulation by states follow:

State	Dead	Injured
Virginia	12	45
North Carolina	7	61
South Carolina	7	36
Georgia	12	66
Florida	13	60
Alabama	4	9
Mississippi	3	18
Louisiana	4	40
Arkansas	5	22
Tennessee	3	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>370</b>

General Butler To  
Remain In Marines

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—Brigadier General Smedley Butler today withdrew his resignation from the marine corps.

Although the leave under which he has been serving as director of public safety of Philadelphia would not expire until December 31, General Butler immediately reported for duty. He will return to Philadelphia for a few days to arrange his private affairs and then come back to Washington.

Late in January he will go to San Diego to take command of the marine base there.

Insull Mighty.  
Gold In Siberia  
Poison Ivy Bootleg  
Anyhow, We're Prosperous

For Albany-Decatur Daily.

dred millions, maybe a little more or less." That's one day's item, and soon forgotten.

ONCE it was whispered that Standard Oil was a billion dollar octopus, and fiercely it was chopped into many tiny-weeny pieces. "Lie there," said Uncle Sam.

Each little piece grew into an octopus on its own account, and now each one talks hundreds of millions only.

Our octopuses are doing better.

TENNESSEE moonshiners pro-

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Mercury Drops  
To 'Six Above' In  
Albany-Decatur

TELEPHONE LINES  
ARE KEPT BUSY BY  
CALLS TO PLUMBERS

TEMPERATURES TO  
CLIMB WITHIN NEXT  
24 HOURS IN DIXIE

Western Portion Is Hit  
Hardest By Blast of  
King Winter

ZERO WEATHER  
IN MANY AREAS

Coldest In 24 Years Is  
Birmingham Record  
For Present Wave

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—A reaction from the biting cold weather which has been prevalent over almost the United States is predicted for tomorrow by the weather bureau. During Tuesday somewhat higher temperatures are expected in the Ohio valley, Tennessee, the South Atlantic and east gulf states and nearly all sections east of the Mississippi river, except possibly New England.

The thermometer dropped to six above zero during the night, according to official readings given out by Mrs. A. H. Irons, observer. The mercury registered at 15 today, falling ten degrees below the record for Sunday.

At the noon hour it was learned that the temperature was rising only slightly, registering 19 degrees above zero, four degrees in difference from the early morning temperature.

Outside weather reports offered no relief to Albany-Decatur and vicinity, predictions pointing that the weather is expected to become severe with the fall of night. The wave however is expected to be broken by Tuesday.

River reports for the day showed the stream to be standing at 5.2, falling. Ice was in evidence on many of the principal streets of the cities Sunday and today and the telephone lines were kept busy until the noon hour in pleas for plumbers to start thawing processes for frozen pipes. The night is believed to have been the most severe in several years.

Reports about the streets told of marks reaching well below zero, according to various porch thermometers, the report by the government observer, however, discounts any figures by local residents.

CAR DAMAGED IN  
CRASH WITH TRAIN

Occupants Scared But  
No One Is Hurt  
Early Today

A Nash automobile driven by Miss Wima Ross collided with Louisville and Nashville train No. 6 at the railway crossing on Second street, near the plant of the Decatur Cornice & Roofing company this morning near 11:30 o'clock. Miss Ross and Mrs. C. D. Trotman of Madison and two children occupants of the car were all unharmed. The car, it is understood was practically demolished.

From details of the accident it is said that Miss Ross was driving east when the collision occurred, the train proceeding toward the Albany station after emerging from the local railway shops. It is not known whether the brakes on her car refused to work or whether Miss Ross did not see the train in time to stop. It was stated at the local station that the car was damaged on the right front side.

None of the occupants suffered injury, it is said, though badly shaken.

The coldest was at Louisville, Ky., with six below.

New Orleans registered 30 degrees at 10 at the same hour.

Some of the unofficial temperatures reported at one o'clock this morning follow:

Birmingham five; Chattanooga eight; Nashville six below; Mobile 24; Nashville four; Atlanta ten; Bristol zero; Columbia, S. C., 16; Augusta, Ga., 22; Jacksonville 25; Miami 54; Asheville zero; Raleigh 14.



The consensus of informed opinion is that John D. oil is smoother than his poetry.

"My wife has joined another club. Do you believe in clubs for women? "Yes, if kindness fails."

An expert is just a good, ordinary fellow away from home.

One theory is that Mr. Payne composed "Home Sweet Home" on the way back from a picnic.

1: Talk about women, look at that woman crossing the street. "A rag, a bone, and a mink of hair" is right. Painted face, bare knees, boyish hair. Women are immodest and positively sloppy! And you can see right through her.

2: Well, I'll speak to her about it. 1: Do you know her? 2: She's my wife.

"Early to bed and early to rise, causes the kids to gasp with surprise

**The Masculine Girl**  
She BOBS her hair;  
In the afternoon she GYMNS;  
She's always on the lookout for  
JACK;

She incurs BILLS;  
Her head is HARRY;  
She likes to drive a HENRY;  
At times she would PAUL;  
Her fresh admirers are CLAUDE and  
She tackles all with GUST-to!

Some husbands can pay their debts  
promptly, but most of us are good  
to our wives.

A kidnapper plead as an extenuating circumstance the other day that he had seized the wrong girl. A lot of men who are not kidnappers have done the same thing.

Ragson Tatters don't see how Bob Strawfoot, who's been running with that Clipper girl for six years, can still love her as much as ever. There has to be some allowance for depreciation.

Admitting survival, will there be anything left of the women who continually give you a piece of their mind?

**After Due Cogitation**  
An American Visitor—Why don't they show a comedy instead of this scene?

"In Henglish 'Ost—Oh, they never show comedies at the cinema in England on Saturday night. They're afraid they'll cause laughter in the churches.

Clothes do not make the man, says a Boston newspaper sagely; but they sometimes break him.

I pleaded with her for an answer. My brain was all in a whirl, But I pleaded in vain for an answer— For she was the telephone girl.

Since the women have reached the present stage on the way back to the fig leaf, the silkworms ought to find their working hours much shorter.

The Prince of Wales is an able farmer. He goes to his Canada ranch after fall crops have been harvested and leaves before it's time to haul fodder.

Bootleggers these days are not only running hazards, they're selling 'em.

Smoke and the world smokes with you; swear off and you smoke alone.

"Stop, there is a principal at stake," shouted the cowboy, as he rushed upon the Indians about to burn up a school teacher.

Windy Wolf said hat a reader complaining against sirens on bicycles has written a letter and he declare that while he has seen many small boys riding 'em, he hasn't seen a siren on a bike for thirty years, alth a beautiful blonde smiled at him from a motorcycle side-car last week.

"If it wasn't for one thing," sobbed Mrs. Havana Nubridge, "I'd leave you and go home to mother."

"What's that?" inquired friend husband.

"Mother's leaving father and coming down to stay with us."

Don't neglect to keep your shoes polished. You can shine at one end if you can't at the other.

United States government bureau has discovered a flealess dog. The world will wonder how that dog spends his time.

"If you would live long, sing before breakfast," says a health expert. But, not if you live in an apartment house and have neighbors.

## Hartselle News

Christmas passed off quietly here. A Christmas tree was given at the Presbyterian church here Thursday night by the combined charity for the poor children of the town, to which invitations to fifty or more had been sent.

The program was under the direction of Mr. L. O. Waldsmith, who each Christmas season gathers funds for this event and brings happiness to many who would otherwise be neglected.

This year about thirty dollars was used to buy fruit, candles and other little presents, the whole taking a nice presentation for a Christmas offering.

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## Waif Wins Aching Hearts



## Industrial Heads And Bankers Aver

(Continued from page one).

other industry. When we get ready to develop our market by co-operative effort we will find no problem we cannot master, and the business will prove safe, stable and profitable. We may again have slumps until we get things functioning on a cooperative basis but our slumps should be temporary and when we get on a thorough co-operative basis, slumps will be a thing of the past."

"There are many reasons to believe that the next year will see a continuance of the steady growth and development of the electric industry," declared Sidney Z. Mitchell, president of the Electric Bond and Share Co. "The year just ended has established new records in the amount of electricity generated and used in the United States, in the amount of capital invested and in the diversity of the uses to which electric power may be put.

Extension of the country's generating plants has kept pace with the increase in the demand for electricity, so that, while consumption has been increasing, the facilities for meeting this increase have been provided.

"Industry is coming more and more to depend upon central stations for power, thousands of new residences have been wired for electricity and the advent of the electric refrigerator and numerous other domestic conveniences has swelled the aggregate demand upon the central stations. During 1925, the United States generated 12 per cent more electricity than during 1924."

"Most important of all, the public has become convinced of the stability of electric securities under the present state regulation, and this public confidence has been reflected in the ability of the industry to secure the capital needed for proper development of the country's power facilities.

"In view of all these facts, there is no legitimate reason why the progress of the country's electrical development should not continue during the coming year.

"While the electric company is less susceptible than almost any other enterprise to sudden changes in the general economic situation there is, of course, a relationship between its own prosperity and the prosperity of the nation. With the factories of the country going at full blast, there is more need for power than during periods of depression.

"In view of the optimistic tenor of present expressions from the White House and the Department of Commerce, it is reasonable to assume that the whole tone of the nation's

business will be good during 1926. This fact supplies an additional basis for my belief that the new year will be a prosperous one for the electric industry."

"There is ample reason to expect that the first half of 1926 will be a period of general prosperity in which the automobile business should share" asserted Alfred F. Sloan, Jr. President of the General Motors Corporation. "The latter part of 1926 is still too far away for one to judge with much assurance what it may hold in store.

"The momentum of business recovery since last summer will tend to keep business active during, at least, the first part of 1926. Conditions are in a healthy balance at present. Employment is large, prices are relatively stable, transportation facilities are ample and

efficiently operated."

"Production and inventories generally are well controlled and are conditions sound. In the light of the present situation the expectation of active spring and early summer business seems to be justified."

"Automobile buying during last few months has been particularly good, partly as a result of the greater values offered by the new model and lower priced car prices; as a result of better agricultural purchasing power, and partly as a result of general increased prosperity."

"I expect the summer demand for automobiles to continue large while general business remains active. Volume of retail automobile sales in the first half of 1926 is expected to exceed that of the first half of 1925 by a fair margin."

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## Five Counterfeitors Believed Caught

(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Arrest of five alleged members of a counterfeiting band, whose operations included the printing and distribution of faked stock certificates and federal reserve notes, was announced today by federal agents.

The gang's operations extended into Canada and the Royal Mounted Police assisted in the roundup.

## FIRST FORD PLANES TAKE OFF MONDAY

### Very Significant Event Says Manufacturer

Watching Fliers

(Associated Press)

DETROIT, Dec. 28.—The first four airplanes, made by the Stout all-metal division of the Ford Motor company, and sold for strictly commercial use, took off from the Ford airport at Dearborn this morning for Miami, Fla.

The planes are to be put in operation between Miami and Tampa, Fla., by the Florida Airways Corporation. Henry and Edsel Ford, William B. Mayo, chief engineer of the Ford company, and William P. Stout, designer of the plane, and director of airplane manufacture for the company, witnessed the take-off.

"It is a very significant occasion," Henry Ford said. "The establishment of this air line is an important step forward for American aviation. The four all-metal planes were accompanied by a Curtiss, carrying Major W. A. Robertson, director of operations for the Florida corporation. Stops are to be made at Dayton, O., Nashville, Tenn., Montgomery, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla.

Mr. Mayo announced that planes now are under construction for the Western Air Express, to operate between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles and the national air transport operating from Chicago to Dallas, Texas.

### SKIRTS RAPPED

(Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The "rainy daisies," who 30 years ago organized to shorten women's skirts, are now laughing at the efforts of Mrs. John Henderson, Washington "grand old woman" to lengthen them again and to stop the flapper from smoking cigarettes.

**Notice To Tax Payers**  
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City Clerk

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12 Years Ago From the Daily of  
TODAY December 28, 1913

December 28 falling on Sunday, there was no issue of The Daily of that date.

The annual period for scratching has commenced, wool prices will rise, all on account of the weather, it's an ill wind.

While discussing the coming of the New Year don't forget the smiling faces of bill collectors to be in evidence on the first.

All work and no play makes a phenomenon, declares the Richmond News Leader. Evidently the Leader writer is not of the opinion that genius is worth a great deal to the United States.

Promise to start work on the Moulton-Decatur highway is a good indication that the year 1926 is not going to be so slow. With the completion of the project and the beginning of building on the Decatur-Courtland road, the year will have been more than a milestone.

We are getting nearer and nearer to local and state politics. As soon as things begin to thaw we'll be bothered with the open season for gab. The politicians will promise everything on the face of the globe and end up with having sojourned for a few years at the capital at the expense of the people.

Maybe if all goes well, we will be greeted with some action on Muscle Shoals by the latter part of 1930. One indication of action on the Shoals question is seen in the talk of New York papers of possibilities of the Valley section, this may wake up Wall street and in such event the Washington lads will give a thought to the leading question of the day.

A CHANCE FOR CLUBS TO GO  
TO WORK IN EARNEST

A club is always looking for a chance to do some good work for the community in which it happens to be located and we point to the coming year as an object offering constructive work to the various civic organizations of these cities. The Kiwanis, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and others need have no fear that they will be without work during the coming year, if the membership will halt temporarily and take stock before the old year breathes its last. The year 1926 offers the greatest industrial expansion that the southland has ever seen and the amount of that industrial movement that comes to this section will in some means be directly traced to the spirit and the fight to be found in these clubs. Members can find much to do if they will but look. These cities have enjoyed a good year in 1925, much has been accomplished, but the coming year has much more to offer than had the past year. The Florida realty boom seems to be settling into a period of steady growth, so the land dealers are casting their eyes to North Alabama. There is plenty of work in bringing these boosters into this section, showing them the advantages. Industries are seeking southern sites. There may be some of the industrialists who do not know of the valuable location here on the banks of the Tennessee river, the junction point of the Southern and the Louisville &amp; Nashville railroads. These clubs can do a service for the communities if they will but keep the outside informed periodically of the vast value here. It will be found that results are obtained.

## SANTA CLAUS WINS

During the last three years the Soviet authorities in Russia have been waging unremitting war on the celebration of Christmas as a holiday. It was in line with their general determination to stamp out Christian religion and substitute some peculiar atheistical creed of their own. It is easy to understand why the Christian religion's ideals did not fit in with their plans of procedure. It will be recalled that the Soviet has indulged in almost every conceivable form of blasphemous ridicule in order to discredit Christmas in the eyes of the working classes and peasants, but it now appears that they have lost their unholy fight.

A recent decree of the Soviet sets aside Dec. 25 and 26 as holidays, although it carefully avoids any mention of Christmas. For the past few years it has offered bonuses to those laborers who reported to work on Christmas, and has fined those who did not, but all that has been in vain. The workers were so few and efforts to enforce their presence caused such serious consequences that the Soviet has finally seen the folly of continuing to issue orders which were not obeyed.

While this decision of the authorities in Russia means that older people will be allowed to celebrate Christmas as they choose, a tear remains to be shed for the thousands of children who are inmates of Soviet orphanages. The only Christmas presents these pitiful little youngsters will receive will be books and pamphlets making fun of the Christian religion. They will also be forced to attend atheistical lectures, delivered on Christmas day. Santa Claus has won in part, but he must be grieved because his victory could not have extended to the very folks

who would have rejoiced most at it.

At any rate, the confession of the Soviet that it is unable to persuade or drive the masses of the Russian people away from the Christian holiday of Christmas is one of the few encouraging, heartening signs observed lately in that sector. Perhaps it means that the fire of piety burns yet strong enough to be fanned some day into a flame worthy of the name. It is to be hoped so. It would be a terrible prospect, indeed, if the Soviet leaders were able to impregnate a whole people with their own barbarous notions and atheistical beliefs.—Nashville Banner.

**TODAY**

BY ARTHUR BRISBANE

(Continued from page one)

duce a brand of "whiskey" that would have prevented the evolution discussion, had that whiskey appeared earlier, it would have killed off all the higher apes before they had a chance to become men.

Lye, poison ivy and tobacco juice are included in this whiskey, cheaper than corn whiskey, more quickly made, with a real bite.

If your "genuine pre-war" stuff turns out to be Tennessee's latest, you will know it. It scorches the mucous membrane from the mouth, causing the tongue to swell and protrude.

NEW Siberian gold fields, to which Russians only are permitted, are enormously rich, and may shift the gold balance from this proud nation to Bolshevik Russia. Five hundred million dollars worth of gold, it is expected, will soon be added to Russia's supply.

WHAT effect will it have on haughty Uncle Sam, if Russia equals him as a gold owner? It would be hard for our best minds to resist the persuasive powers of so much gold.

And what effect will the new yellow treasure have on Russia and her rulers? Will they become more conservative as they become rich, and join the world chorus of governing high finance? Probably.

JOSEPH PULITZER used to say often, "Brisbane, if you ever get any money, which you never will, you will find that your opinions will change."

THE Chicago News sold for fourteen millions, not too dear for a profitable, established newspaper. But don't buy stock in any new newspaper enterprise, if you do you will probably learn of something to your disadvantage.

THE new owners of the Daily News announce conspicuously that Samuel Insull has no interest in the paper, does not and will not own any stock.

Insull runs the right, power, etc., of Chicago, and the News owners evidently wish if known that he has nothing to do with their paper.

THEY may be wrong about that.

There is only one kind of brains, and Insull has plenty of the one kind. If he had a newspaper, and would take his mind off other things, he would fight for his readers, not influenced by other "Insulls."

He would surely make more of a success than any committee. A committee cannot run a newspaper, or nurse a baby.

A RICH American girl thought she wanted a count, married him, had a baby? Found she did not want him.

Count Salm, proud father, wants that baby, the small child plays with too many toys while detectives watch, that it may not be carried away by the loving father.

MANY FATHERS being primitive barbarians will say "that father has rights." What would they say, if a hen laid an egg, and they saw the rooster walking off with it?

They would say "hold on, you didn't lay that egg."

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Central National Bank, of Albany, Ala., will be held at 10 a. m. Tuesday January 12th, 1926 in the rooms of the bank, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

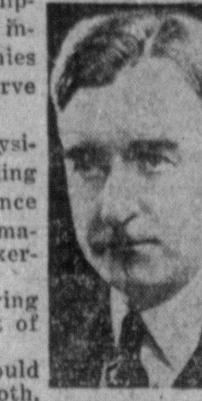
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A Patient Should Be More Considerate of His Own Physician's Health, Thus Adding to the Latter's Life Span and Usefulness.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

United States Senator from New York.

Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.



ONE of my readers sent in this newspaper clipping: "Doctors are not considered good insurance risks by the big insurance companies—mostly because many of them neglect to observe the advice they give to their patients."

Many of the most eminent and efficient physicians die in their fifth and sixth decades, according to Dr. J. A. Patton, of the Prudential Insurance Company. Their strained heart muscles fail prematurely when they neglect to take the rest and exercise they prescribe for their patients.

I suppose this is in line with the old saying about shoemaker's children. But there is a lot of truth in it and it is natural to ask why it is.

How many persons of your acquaintance would you call away from his meal, out of his bed or both, out of church or the theatre, away from a wedding or a funeral? How many would you ask to pay you a little visit in the darkest night, through the sleet and snow, regardless of driving rain or the state of the roads? How many men can you approach on Sundays, holidays and birthdays? How many men can you coax away from golf, tennis, bridge, hunting, fishing, sailing, polo, baseball and college class reunions?

You couldn't get the lawyer, the carpenter, the plumber, the grocer, the real estate man or your husband to respond to each and every call I have enumerated. The only man in the world who fits into this picture is your friend, the doctor.

Can you think of a dozen or a hundred times when you called him in a hurry when a fever he had would have made no difference? Poor man! He always comes, doesn't he?

And you are not the only person who calls him and expects immediate response. Every one of the scores of families in his care expects the same attention.

No wonder the doctor is a poor risk for the insurance company. He never has time for rest and exercise

such as he prescribes for you. You won't permit it!

I plead for the doctor. He is your friend in time of trouble. Be considerate of him and don't abuse his health. Next time he is needed wait till daylight at least and then leave word that if he can call during the forenoon you will be happy. My doctor will think that the world has come to an end!

Prepare a list of your symptoms. Think over the possible causes of your illness. Don't give the doctor a cross-word puzzle to solve—do all you can to help him form a just verdict in your case.

You can help the doctor to live longer and to be a better insurance risk. Most doctors I have known are worth saving!

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Charles Emens.

Miss Vergie Winn who is teaching here left for her home in Cullinan Thursday.

J. T. Gamble is ill at his home here with pneumonia.

Dr. Reding Emens of the Vanderbilt University of Nashville is the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. Emens.

CALL IS ISSUED  
A Congregational meeting is called for Wednesday night, December 30th, 1925 at 7 o'clock at Westminster Presbyterian church for the purpose of considering a call for a pastor.

Miss Madeline Lile is expected home tomorrow to spend the holidays with her mother.

Miss Lucy Emens who is teaching at Leighton, Ala., is the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

All members of the church and congregation are urged to be present.

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## Announcement

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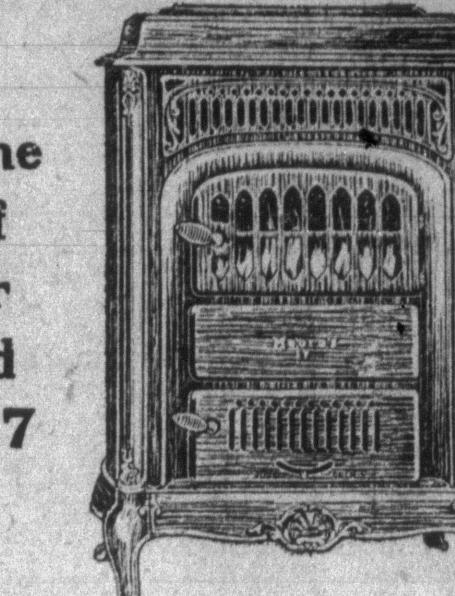
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## TUESDAY

Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club, Mrs. John C. Sheets.

## WEDNESDAY

Bridge prominent for Mrs. Stan... and Mrs. Wrenshall Knight.

## Married Ladies Bridge club, Mrs. Crawford.

## THURSDAY

Thursday Club, Mrs. J. R. Daniels.

## FRIDAY

Friday Tea, Mrs. R. G. Cortner.

## PARTY ON SATURDAY

## EVENING

This Christmas season, so far, has been an unusually merry one and among the parties that will be most pleasantly remembered was that given on Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fussell.

Their guests gathered at the home in the early part of the evening and later repaired to the Valley Country Club where dancing was enjoyed. Delicious sandwiches and tea were served.

Those participating in this hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. Bullard, Mrs. John W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sheppard, Dr. and Mrs. J. Y. Hamil, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rountree, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lide, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Moore, of Dillon, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Kort, rector of Memphis, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Bloodworth and W. W. Rahm.

## MISS MURPHY ENTERTAINS

Miss Annie Gus Murphy was host at a very lovely party on Saturday night, December 26th at Rentrock, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Cortner. This spacious home was made more beautiful with Christmas decorations and evergreens, used in profusion on the stairways, over the doors and on the mantles. Baskets of exquisite roses were also in evidence.

The Hartselle orchestra furnished music for dancing, the feature of the evening.

At midnight an elaborate hot luncheon was served in two courses about forty were included in Miss Murphy's guest list.

## MARRIED LADIES BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. B. Crawford will entertain the Married Ladies Bridge Club on Wednesday afternoon.

## FRIDAY THIRTEEN

The Friday Thirteen will meet with Mrs. R. G. Cortner on Friday.

## MR. AND MRS. CLOUD ENTERTAIN

Honoring their guests, Mrs. I. W. Fa'reloth of Lakeland, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephens of New Hope, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. Will Cloud entertained Friday at a Christmas dinner. The home was attractively decorated for the occasion. Other guests included in the hospitality were: Mrs. Mary Huckabee, Clayton Martin and John Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Robinson, of Memphis, Tenn., arrived Saturday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Cortner. Mr. Robinson left this morning for a visit in North Carolina and Mrs. Robinson is remaining for a longer stay.

Miss Margaret Broadus will leave on Monday to visit Miss Katherine Frost in Selma.

## BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. W. N. Cowden and daughter Miss Lucy, have gone to Birmingham after a few days stay here.

Mrs. H. O. Cline and two daughters, Blanche and Helen of Little Rock, Ark., have returned home after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Broadway. They were accompanied for a visit by Mrs. Cecile Royer of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was also Mrs. Broadway's holiday guest.

Mr. and Mrs. James Massey Jr. left by motor on Sunday for Mississippi where they will be the guests of their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Garnett are the guests of her mother in Nashville.

Mrs. R. L. Smith left Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Baker in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrick Davis and baby of Birmingham returned home Sunday after a visit of five days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Davis.

Mrs. W. L. Grimes and son, John D., of Sheffield spent Friday and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis.

Miss Laura Davis, teacher at Athens College is expected here Monday night for a few days visit to relatives and friends en route to Athens from Birmingham.

Mrs. J. R. Daniels and Mrs. J. Y. Daniels will leave on the tenth of January, to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall in Fort Meade, Florida, where they will be until February first.

Miss Annie Mae Carl of Canton, Tenn., will arrive Tuesday to be the guests of Misses Mary and Elizabeth.

Miss Eddie E. Worth, who spent the past two days with her mother, Mrs. Mary Bloodworth, left Monday evening for Montgomery, where she is a member of the State Department of Education.

Miss Mildred Ferris returned to her home in Birmingham on Sunday after a visit to her father.

Mrs. W. R. Shelton is in Columbia, Tenn., for a week's visit to her mother, Mrs. W. C. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Arwin Draper spent Christmas weekend with her parents in Hartselle. Mr. Draper returned home Monday but Mrs. Draper remained for a longer visit.

Miss Abigail Crawford of Birmingham who spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Crawford, will return to her home on Tuesday.

Mrs. C. L. Lewter and children of Little Rock, Ark., are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hatchett.

Miss Margaret Clarkson will leave Monday afternoon for a business visit to New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Goodman and Carl Goodman of Birmingham have returned there after spending Christmas with their mother, Mrs. G. M. Goodman.

Miss Susie Smith is ill with malaria at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith.

Ike Delony of Arkansas, and Bart Morris, of Birmingham, are the guests of Rev. M. N. Morris.

Arthur Shaw of Tuscaloosa, is the guest of Robin Thomas.

Earl Galyon, of Los Angeles, Calif., is the holiday guest of his mother and sisters here. He will leave soon for Miami, Fla., to make his home.

Elvin Moore is ill with pneumonia at his home in West Albany.

John White of Hartselle Route 2 is visiting relatives in South and West Albany.

John Baker of Memphis, who has been ill with jaundice at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Grayson here, is improving.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy C. Kracke of Emory University are enjoying the holidays with relatives.

Oliver Dix, of Mobile, who was the over Christmas guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dix, returned home Sunday.

Harry Cline returned to his home in Birmingham after spending Christmas with his sister, Mrs. J. L. Broadus.

Miss Emma Sue Morris of Trinity Barton Morris of Birmingham and Ike Deloney of Arkansas were the guests of friends in the Twin Cities on Christmas day.

Tom Sanders, Athens attorney, was in the cities Sunday, enroute to his home after a business trip to Chattanooga.

Theodore Russell, of Harris Station, was in the cities today on business.

T. H. Broadus has returned to Atlanta, after having spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Margaret C. Broadus. Mr. Broadus is located with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Mrs. J. R. Thomas is ill with flu at her home on East Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper, Rube Robertson, Willard Hutchins and Shelby Fletcher of Huntsville, were the guests of friends here on Saturday night.

Mrs. W. N. Cowden and Mrs. F. Godfrey have returned from Florence where they were the guests of Mrs. Breuner Smith over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wyker and two sons, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. E. R. Sumpter in Tuscaloosa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morrow spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sharpley in Hartselle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Voorhies spent the past few days in Baugh, Tenn., with her mother Mrs. Patterson.

## Helpful Advice to Girls

By Annie Laurie

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

How long should a girl wait before answering a boy's letter?

ANXIOUS BLONDE.

A news why if she is at leisure, she should wait a while, my dear. A letter should be answered as promptly as possible, whether it is from a young man or a young woman.

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

When you are at a party with a friend who should suggest going home, be or you?

BRUNETTE.

It is the lady's privilege to suggest the time of departure.

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

I am a girl in my teens and am going with a young man two years my senior.

He objects to my going with

other boys, but he very often goes out with some other girl.

Please advise me what you think I should do.

BROWN EYES.

Since you are not engaged to this young man, it is your privilege to accept attentions from your other friends, Miss Brown Eyes.

Explain this to your friend and tell him that you make no demands on him. Consequently he should not expect you to give up your friends for him. And if he values your friendship he will abide by your decision.

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

Will you please advise if it is proper for a young man to kiss a girl if they are not engaged?

WHY.

WHY. No, this is not proper or wise, my dear. No young man really respects a young woman who permits such liberties, regardless of what he may say.

F. G. Blair has been chosen to head the Tuscaloosa Community Chest.

Plans have been approved for a rifle range at Glencoe, near Gadsden. It has been announced and the government has set aside \$3,290.96 for this purpose. Equipment at the range is expected to include rifle pits, electric plants and water systems.

## GENERAL PERSHING TO RETURN HOME

### Condition of His Health Forces "Black Jack" To Quit Chile

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Because of failing health, General John J. Pershing is expected to return here within the next month from Arica, Chile, where he is representing President Coolidge in the Chilean-Peruvian arbitration over Tacna-Arica.

His physician has recommended that he begin the homeward trip not later than January 15 and he may depart from Arica before that date, if proper arrangements can be made. Details of the general's illness are not known here but reports reaching Washington have somewhat alarmed his friends. There has been a marked increase in blood pressure, in addition to complications resulting from infected teeth. He is in the 66th year.

Although Washington officials declined to make any announcements regarding his return, there were evidences his departure from South America would, in no sense, see a diplomatic retreat from an international situation which has become embarrassing. Steps will be taken to continue, so far as possible, the work he has been doing as head of the commission.

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